

Palm SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

MATTHEW 21:9



Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!

Whether you are worshiping with us in-person or joining via livestream, we gather today as a community of faith, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

For folks joining us for in-person worship,

Please take basic COVID precautions with us. Masks are encouraged but not required in the Meeting House and Education building.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children are invited to begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children ages five through eleven may go to Sunday School. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a personal seat cushion.

Worship "code": * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on Second Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the basket at the door as you leave – we recycle!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

New Castle Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Bell Processional

Margaret Tucker

Join us at the Courthouse as the handbell choir leads us into the Meeting House

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Bell Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Kevin McChesney

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

Greeting of Peace

As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting,

"Peace be with you".

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Hosanna

by Victor C. Johnson

Ellie Gerhart & Minerva Lermond – Handbells

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Call to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

Hosanna in the highest!

*Hymn #196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.

Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.... (*Time for silent prayer.*)

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Ride on, Redeemer King! Gene Grier/Greg Gilpin

Bethany Faiz – Piano

Hosanna, hosanna, ride on, Redeemer King; the children all surround you, their sweet hosannas sing. Hosanna, hosanna, their praise and prayers they bring; Hosanna, hosanna, ride on, Redeemer King. The angels in the highest heaven sing praises from on high, as people lift their voices and sing a loud reply; Hosanna, hosanna, with palms and garments strow. Hosanna, hosanna, as onward now You go. All glory, laud and honor, to Thee Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring; Thou art the king of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. Hosanna, hosanna, O King and Blessed One. Hosanna, hosanna, your battle has begun. Hosanna, hosanna, to You, God's only Son; Hosanna, hosanna, the victory is won! Hosanna, hosanna!

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:

Quiet within us every voice but your own.

Speak to us through the witness of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

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As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ^[a]

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna ^[b] to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ^[c]

"Hosanna ^[d] in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

"Joy in the Midst"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Bell Offertory

O Dearest Jesus

arr by John A. Behnke

***Response #607**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God, that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us.

Bless these offerings and bless our lives to your service, Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion and Prayers of the People

Invitation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution
Partaking
Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Hymn #197**

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction Surely He has Borne our Griefs by Michael Larkin
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Steeple Bell

Postlude The Old Rugged Cross by Lloyd Larson
Bethany Faiz - Piano

Please remain seated through the Postlude.

As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Susan Flook Counters: Candy Dunson/Mary Fontinha
Ushers: Barbara & Jim Whisman Coffee Hour: Ray Snyder
Nursery & Sunday School: /Jane Fouracre

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Hattie G. Matthews Jerome A. Bacchetti
1890-1969 1939-2006



EASTER FLOWERS!

Don't forget to order your Easter Flowers TODAY! Order forms are available in the Narthex of the Meeting House and the entrance to CE Building.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in the coming weeks.

Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>



COFFEE HOUR FIRST AND FIFTH SUNDAY

Additionally, volunteers for Sunday April 30th and Sunday May 7th. Please consider one of these dates if you are able and kindly sign up on the schedule sheet on the moveable bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

As we head into Spring, volunteer to help our youngest members by contacting:

For Sunday School: Melissa Boris - borism1010@gmail.com

For Nursery: Molly Shaw – mollypaige1@aol.com

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Through the season of Lent, the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports our ministries of resurrection hope: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Grants. Make a donation through a fish bank or pew envelope, or give online today at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

BROWNIES!

Open call for brownie bakers for Emmanuel Dining Room! Ten batches of brownies needed in the church's freezer by 4/6. Boxes of mix are available in the church kitchen. Thank you!



SPRING CAMPING ON THE LAWN/SUNDAY OUTDOOR

WORSHIP! NCPC is planning a Spring Camping event to be held on the Church lawn Saturday, April 29 – Sunday, April 30. Set up Saturday afternoon. We'll have a group meal Saturday evening, play games, have a fire pit, and sleep in tents on the lawn. Sunday April 30, breakfast/Coffee Hour is open to everyone and will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by an outdoor Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. We have tents and equipment to share. For more information and to sign-up for camping, please contact Mike Smith at mikesmithteam@gmail.com or 864.684.2563 by Sunday, April 16th. There's no cost.

CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30 (OUTDOORS) 9:30am

In conjunction with our Spring Camping Event, Coffee Hour/Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. before worship service. **Worship service will be outdoors at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a chair and/or blanket and let's enjoy fellowship and worship in God's creation.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	04/02		PALM SUNDAY
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship & Communion
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		12:00pm	Deacon's Mtg
Monday	04/03	4:00pm	Spanish Class
Wednesday	04/05	7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	04/06	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service Fellowship Hall
Friday	04/07		Good Friday - Meeting House Open for Individual Meditation
Saturday	04/08	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/09		EASTER SUNDAY
		6:30am	Sunrise Service at the Pier
		10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour – Easter Fair

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Dan Knox, Treasurer

Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells

Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary

Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

Session meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)

TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

